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December 31, 1 case of cholera was reported in Manila; and in the Province of Albay, 1 case with 1 death.

Owing to the satisfactory health conditions existing throughout the Philippine Islands, bills of health for interisland boats are not now required. The quarantine inspection of foreign vessels which have been granted pratique at one Philippine port of entry has been discontinued for vessels complying with certain conditions. The following circular letter to this effect was issued December 24, 1910:

CIRCULAR.

MANILA, P. I., December 24, 1910.

*To owners, agents, and masters of vessels, and others concerned:*

Attention is invited to the following important quarantine changes governing the entrance and departure of interisland and foreign vessels at the port of Manila, effective this date:

*Interisland shipping.*—In view of the very satisfactory state of the public health in the Philippines, interisland vessels departing from Manila for other ports in the Philippine Islands will not be required to obtain bills of health from this office.

*Foreign shipping.*—Vessels from foreign ports, which have undergone quarantine inspection at a Philippine port of entry, will not be required to await quarantine inspection upon arrival at the port of Manila, provided:

- (1) That a period of 7 days has elapsed since leaving the last foreign port.
- (2) That in case any illness has occurred aboard the vessel, the master will hoist the quarantine flag and await inspection prior to landing passengers, crew, or cargo.
- (3) That within one hour after the vessel's arrival in port, the master will file at the quarantine office a certificate stating that the vessel is in a clean and sanitary condition, and that no illness has occurred on board during the preceding 5 days.
- (4) That before departing from Manila a bill of health be obtained at this office.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon,  
 Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

RUSSIA.

**Status of Cholera.**

Minister Rockhill at St. Petersburg reported January 21 to the Department of State:

During the week ended December 31, 1910, there were officially reported from all Russia 7 cases of cholera with 2 deaths, of which 1 case with 1 death occurred in the city of St. Petersburg and 6 cases with 1 death in the Government of Ekaterinslav.

TRINIDAD.

**Plague.**

The American consul reported February 11 the occurrence of a death from plague February 8.

TURKEY IN ASIA.

**Cholera at Damascus.**

The American consul general at Beirut reported to the Department of State February 4 the presence of cholera at Damascus.